

How a domestic fowl was nursed back to its feet after sustaining injury at the golf course

GOOSE BUMPS

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A goose that sustained an injury at the Karnataka Golf Course — unable to walk or bear weight on its leg — is now limping back to normalcy.

Thanks to the chief veterinarian Colonel Navaz Shariff of the People For Animals (PFA) Hospital who admitted the goose in question at the facility despite the creature being a domestic bird, as only wild animals, reptiles and birds are usually rescued, treated and rehabilitated at the PFA hospital. Vets at PFA named the goose Kosambari.

Kosambari sustained injuries, the vets said, probably after being hit by a golf ball at the Karnataka Golf Course, and was unable to use her left leg. The bird used to rest keeping her left leg raised up. She was unable to swim and used to stay aloof from other geese at the golf course. Meanwhile, the golf course staff stressed that no one saw a goose being hit by a golf ball as suggested by the vets.

The golf course staff tried their best to take the injured fowl to several veterinary clinics and hospitals, but in

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“Due to the blunt injury, the bird had suffered severe neuromuscular atrophy to its leg which was rendering the creature unable to walk or swim.” — Col Navaz Shariff, PFA

Mask on, mask off

Fewer people fined for flouting mask norms last month, screening increases



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KSPCB's direction to include plastic in road construction will help fix issue of waste and the pothole problem



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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Merry shopping!

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Where: Studio Orenda (lakeview farm lawns)
When: Dec 11 and 12, 11 am-6 pm
Register: On spot

02 Fun with art

Indian Institute of Cartoonists (IIC) is organising an exhibition of 90 hilarious cartoons by famous Austrian cartoonist Klaus Pitter between December 11 and 25, at the Indian Cartoon Gallery.
Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery
When: December 11-25, 10 am-6pm (except Sunday); **Register:** Walk-in



03 Inclusive art festival

Gender Bender, a festival in India that is dedicated to the exploration of gender through art, is back. This year, the festival will be a digital manifestation of the physical festival - an interactive online



space for audiences to engage with. Created to contribute and further the gender discourse through art, this is the seventh edition of the festival. The festival has received acclaim both nationally and globally and has been presented internationally in Berlin in January 2020, and has been invited for a further international showcase in September 2022. **Where:** Online
When: December 10-12
Register: Instagram @sandboxcollective

Kids safe from Omicron

Even if infected, the severity will be low, say experts

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With many schools turning into clusters, there is a worrying trend as to how the Omicron variant may have its effect on children. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "Delta variant had no effect on children. Omicron intensity is low compared to delta. Scientists and experts are saying that even if children are infected, it will have very little effect." Dr Rajaram (Consultant Paediatrician from Rainbow Children's Hospital, Marathahalli) said, "Looking at the first two waves, the infection was higher among the unvaccinated population. It is too early to say whether it is third wave or not. If we look at the severity in both the waves, covid was not so severe in kids. Even a recent Lancet report states that kids may not be severely affected by Covid."

Meanwhile, the city doctors are now seeing an increase in respiratory diseases among children. Dr Lini Balakrishnan (Consultant Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospitals, Sarjapur) said, "For the past two weeks, I have been seeing a surge in cases of cold, cough and other symptoms of respiratory distress in children, especially in the age group ranging from nine months to three years. This can mainly be attributed to the fact that they have been suddenly exposed to an external environment after a long time. Over the past two



With kids getting flu-like symptoms, parents are worrying about them contracting covid

years, these children were safe in their homes, not interacting a lot with others, and people in general also were taking appropriate precautions like wearing masks around kids. There is also the factor of weather change, during winter there are plenty of viruses that break out. Also, since the children were not exposed to these over the past two years, their immune system did not develop a resistance to them, whereas in the pre-pandemic time it would have naturally developed. Now that they have been exposed, there is an over-reaction.

Dr Kishore Kumar (Founder Chairman and Neonatologist at Cloudnine Group of Hospitals) said, "Weather is getting cold here, just like other parts of the

country where officially the winter season has set in. A change in weather simply implies that the viruses will multiply, making it ideal for viral infections to increase. We have seen a rise in the number of infections, influenza, respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) virus (RSV) which is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Alongside, quite a few dengue infections are also spreading but that is transmitted by mosquitoes."

"All these can easily become a cause of illness in children and a reason for worry to many parents. We have also noticed that often parents end up comparing these infections with covid-like symptoms but it is important to know that the virus does not

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– Dr Kishore Kumar, Cloudnine hosp

usually start in children unless it comes in contact with some source. Viral infection symptoms are very similar to high fever, cough, cold, running nose and these generally subside in two to three days. Unnecessary use of antibiotics should be avoided and parents should try to get an influenza (flu) vaccine for their children as a first step of precaution and protection," he added.

19-member team to monitor covid situation

The Karnataka government on Tuesday issued a notification announcing the formation of a 19-member clinical expert committee to monitor the covid-19 situation in the state in wake of the Omicron variant outbreak.

K. Ravi, Professor and Head of Department of Medicine, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, has been made the committee Chairman and P G Girish, Director of Medical Education, is the Member Secretary of the committee.

The committee, which also includes the Director of Jayadeva Hospital C N Manjunath and other experts, will implement the directions and orders given by the World Health Organization, Central and state governments on containing covid-19 spread. It has been asked to ensure coordination between government and private hospitals and give necessary directions.

Omicron-infected doctor tests covid positive again

The 46-year doctor who tested positive for Omicron variant has tested positive for covid-19 in RT-PCR test even after completing 14 days of quarantine period, Karnataka Health Department sources said. The hospital authorities were even ready to discharge him as the doctor has recovered completely from all symptoms and is doing absolutely fine. The result has surprised the doctors. He will now continue in a quarantine facility at the hospital. However, three of his contacts who have tested positive, now have tested negative. However, until the report of their genomic sequencing comes in, they will be kept in the hospital.

They will be discharged if their genomic sequencing shows no presence of the Omicron variant and they test negative in the RT-PCR test which will be conducted on Tuesday.

Bommai: State to get genome sequencing lab

The Karnataka government has already initiated action to establish a Genome Sequencing Lab in the state. The Health Secretary of Karnataka has been instructed to look into the needs of procuring necessary equipment and experts for the purpose, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said while addressing media persons at his residence in Hubballi on Tuesday.

"All the districts in the State have covid testing laboratories. Genome sequencing needs expert systems and modern equipment.

Spread of a new variant, Omicron, has necessitated sending test samples in suspect cases for Omicron, to Genome Sequence testing in National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS). Arrangements would be made to procure the test reports quickly," Bommai said.

Mask on, mask off

BBMP deploys 25 per cent more marshals to look for violators and in the last five days have fined 3,537 people for not wearing masks

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Instances of people being fined for not wearing masks have gone down in the last month in Bengaluru, according to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). But the intensity of checks has increased in the last few days due to the threat of the Omicron variant of covid-19.

The BBMP has deployed 25 per cent more marshals to help with the intensified checks and in the last five days alone, fines from 3,537 people have been collected for not wearing masks and 170 fines collected for not adhering to social distancing, with the amount totalling to Rs 9,26,750. This may be a nearly 12 per cent increase in the collection of fines since the beginning of last month.

"Instances of penalisation have come down because in the last two months, fining was the last action taken against offenders, as there was a lot of improvement in the covid situation in Bengaluru. We were more on an awareness campaign, educating people on following the covid-appropriate behaviour," says Chief Marshal Colonel Rajbir Singh.

In August and September, there were over 24,000 cases each month of people being fined for not wearing masks in the city. This number went down to a little over 22,000 in October and only slightly more than 19,000 in November, according to data provided by the BBMP.

Instances of fining for not adhering to CAB was higher in more crowded areas where violators were more. "The fining was done only in areas where violations are more like markets, parks, railways stations or any such area where crowding is more, or the influx of the population from other states is seen. It was much more about awareness, and therefore,



BBMP marshals fine mask offenders at KR Market

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— Chief Marshal Col Rajbir Singh

fining had gone down. But the intensity of the checks remained the same," Singh added.

With the newly-emerged threat of the Omicron variant of covid-19, the intensity of checks has increased significantly in the last few days. Soon, there will be checks inside malls, theatres and other crowded indoor areas, according to the latest instructions by the state govern-

ment. "Now, in the last few days, with the new covid variant threat, we have increased the intensity of our checks in the crowded areas. Today, we received new instructions that we have to check malls and other places as such where only people with two doses of the covid vaccine are allowed", says Singh.

According to the latest state government instructions, it is the responsibility of mall owners to ensure that those entering the mall are double vaccinated and have a mask on at all times, otherwise, they may be penalised.

"The word of caution is to adhere to the instructions as latest issued by the state government. Otherwise, the owners of the malls and other places are going to be penalised in the next few days," he added.

Cops at the receiving end of road rage

A police sub inspector and a constable were reportedly assaulted by two men, including the general manager of an online food delivery platform and an engineer working with a private firm. The incident took place in Yelahanka New Town police limits on Monday night and the two have been arrested by the police.

The accused, whose identities are not shared, are residents of Yelahanka, allegedly assaulted Srishaila, police sub inspector, and Aslam, constable attached to the Yelahanka New Town police station.

According to the police, the patrolling bike of the two policemen brushed the accused's car which was coming from the opposite direction in the narrow lane. The road was under construction and one side of the road was blocked for traffic.

DCP North East, CK Baba said that the accused got down from the car and started to pick a fight with the policemen when they apologised to them and requested them to move the vehicle as it was affecting the traffic flow. The incident took place between 11 and 12 pm. "The



two, in fit of anger, started to assault the policemen who were on duty. The policemen tried to defend themselves and immediately alerted the control room for back up. The two were immediately taken to custody," he said.

The sub inspector was slapped and punched by the accused while the constable was pushed to the road. The accused grabbed the lathi from him and tried to beat the constable. A case has been registered against the two. — BMB

Hydrogen sulphide gas suppresses HIV infection: Study

In a breakthrough in the fight against HIV infection, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and their collaborators have identified a key role played by hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) gas in suppressing the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Increased H₂S was found to have a direct effect on reducing the rate at which the virus multiplies in HIV-infected human immune cells. The finding paves the way for developing a more comprehensive antiretroviral therapy against HIV.

The discovery has been made by a team that includes researchers from the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB) and the Centre for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR) at IISc, along with collaborators from the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute. The results have been published in the journal eLife.

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OMICRON VARIANT IS REAL

THE CLAIMS

Amid the spread of Omicron, the latest variant of covid-19, has also reignited an old conspiracy theory on social media. Some netizens have started spreading an image

rooted in a conspiracy theory about the virus being planned. The image shows a chart written in Spanish with purported "launch" dates for the different covid-19 variants. The image shows the logos of three organizations, alluding to them being in charge of the chart's creation: Johns Hopkins University, the World Health Organization and the World Economic Forum.



SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

Experts have rubbished the claim, challenging it with the fact that the image asserts the variants are expected to be "launched" monthly, but the dates on the chart don't match when many of the variants were actually detected and confirmed. The chart says the delta variant was "launched" in June 2021, but the first case was documented in October 2020, according to the WHO. Several fact checks prove that covid-19 was not genetically engineered. The findings confirmed the virus was not created as a biological weapon.

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TOP COMMENTS

CAB is a must

Commenting on our story – Covid casts shadow over offline classes – readers have highlighted the urgency to tight covid-appropriate behaviour among the public. Syed Huq says the covid-19 situation is here to remain forever, as it looks like now, and it will stay unless people follow the SOPs laid by the government properly and manage to live with the virus. Many people are seen still on the roads, being ignorant about the virus, thinking it is over and it is not going to affect them as they have survived till now. How to educate them is a challenge, he says. Meanwhile, JDP alleges that the truth is that schools fear if online classes continue then people would shift to their hometowns and admit their children in local schools. The schools in other towns including Mysuru and Mangaluru are much cheaper as compared to Bengaluru.



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There is a plastic solution to potholes

KSPCB's direction to include plastic in road construction will help fix issue of waste and the pothole problem

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Fixing potholes has almost turned into a perennial activity in the city. When one set of potholes are fixed, another set crops up. But there could be a more lasting solution to fix this, according to the Karnataka Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

A few days ago, the KSPCB had released a direction to authorities including the Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project (KSHIP), Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL), and Karnataka Public Works Department (KPWD) to mandatorily use waste plastic in road construction as per the Indian Road Congress guidelines. Making a big move towards a circular economy, the first-in-the country-decision by KSPCB solves two issues with one move - the issue of diverting non-recyclable plastic and that of potholes.

According to KSPCB, studies have shown that waste plastic has great potential for use in bituminous construction. Roughly 5-10 per cent of the weight of the bitumen is added to the road construction material. They also reveal that incorporating waste plastic in the mix can improve the Marshall stability, strength, fatigue life, and other desirable properties of the bituminous mix, leading to improved longevity and pavement performance.

The waste plastic can be utilised by either shredding in hot aggregates (dry process) whereas in the wet process, powdered waste plastic is added to hot bitumen. Only low-density



The pilot project of using plastic in construction of the road in front of Bangalore University was done in 2011. It seems to have worked well as years later the road is relatively better off

polyethylene (LPDE), high-density polyethylene (HDPE), Polyurethane (PU) and Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) should be used for the best results.

A senior official at KSPCB said that before this direction waste plastic was being sent to the 7-9 cement plants in the state but it was a costly affair. "As per the IRC guidelines, waste plastic can be incorporated into road construction and thereby improve the durability and the lifespan of the road. This is also a mechanism that finds better utilisation of plastic which often gets used for building furniture," said Srinivaslu K, KSPCB member secretary.

Senior Environmental Officer Yathish MG noted that the pilot project was conducted on the road in front of Bangalore University in 2011. "Even after 10 years, the road is pothole-free. This method can make roads more durable," he said.

Every day, 28 tonnes of plastic is generated in the state of which 40-50 per cent arrives from Bengaluru city. Being non-biodegradable, disposing of plastic is a cause for big worry.

However, officials said it might take some time for civic authorities to incorporate this into their existing practice. "We are also planning to come out with an action plan to strengthen the decentralised dry

waste collection mechanism. We are going to ask the government to equitably distribute the number of dry waste collection centres and material recovery units. KSPCB also plans on pushing for earmarking areas for recycling industries. These industries should be promoted with tax incentives and subsidies. To reduce littering of plastic waste in tourist areas, we will work with the tourism department to reduce the generation of plastic," said Srinivaslu.

He added that though there is already a provision for penalising plastic pollution, the board plans to ask BBMP and local bodies to take strict action against violators.

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Inside out
Sulthanpet



For the last six months, this road has been dug up for laying pipelines at Sulthanpet

Dig issue
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Mc Pherson Road in Cooke Town has been dug up by a mobile service provider and we do not know when it will be restored.

Bengaluru Open tennis in Feb 2022

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The glamorous Bengaluru Open tennis tournament returns after the covid break with two weeks of pulsating action as the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association is all set to host two back to back ATP Challenger Events slated to begin from February 7, 2022. The two events will offer a total prize money of US\$ 107,000 and will be played at the KSLTA Stadium.

"KSLTA has been striving to create

a platform to host global tennis events at Bengaluru and provide an opportunity for the players to thrive on the World Tennis Tour. Bengaluru, being a truly global city is also blessed with a huge sport loving population and corporates who would love to partner such events. We have been fortunate to host WTA Tour Events, ATP World Doubles Championships, Davis Cup, ITF events but we are very excited to continue hosting ATP Challenger events which are pivotal for the growth of a Tennis player who is in pursuit of reaching the pinnacle. It only augurs well for the image of the city to continue to host 'Bengaluru Open' which would give

a chance for players to come and experience the cosmopolitan culture of the city which would also be a treat for the citizens of Bengaluru," said R Ashoka, the KSLTA President and the Minister for Revenue.

"It's even more exhilarating when we would host two weeks of back-to-back ATP Challengers in the city, which we believe would benefit the players better. We are sure of receiving all required support from the Govt. of Karnataka to host these events in a befitting manner as they always been our biggest supporters. I would like to profusely thank the ATP for placing trust and supporting the events to make them possible.

We look forward hosting the international players at Bengaluru and for a fortnight of sensational tennis in the city," he added.

The tournament is a perfect platform for National and International players, as well as aspiring local players, to compete at an International Challenger stage, and improve their ATP rankings, and compete at Grand Slams. Prajnesh, backed by his victory in the 2018 edition made it to the main draw of five consecutive Grand Slams while Sumit Nagal's fairytale victory in the 2017 edition of the Bengaluru Open had helped him jump over 150 places and reach a career best ranking of 125.

Speeding car creates mayhem, kills 1

Car rams into another car being parked, killing its valet driver; goes on to hit auto, goods vehicle in Indiranagar



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One person was killed and seven injured in a major accident on 80 feet road in Indiranagar after a speeding high-end car ramed into another car and caused a series of accidents, damaging four vehicles on Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Hari Mahanth, 36, who hails from Assam and was working as valet parking driver at a restaurant. He was residing in Doopasandra and had been working in the restaurant for 10 years. Police said that of the seven injured, two including the driver of the Mercedes Benz are in a critical condition. The accused driver, Suvidh, 40, is a



businessman and a resident of Defence Colony.

According to the police, the incident took place around 3.15pm and Suvidh was speeding. He crashed into another

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—A police official

car driven by Mahanth who was parking the car and then ramed into an auto rickshaw and a goods vehicle. A two-wheeler was also hit in the accident. Mahanth died on the spot after his car got crushed between the Benz and a goods vehicle while drivers of other vehicles had injuries.

The public rushed to help and alerted the police who cleared the vehicles from the main road.

False affidavit: Bank officials in the dock

Said to have inflated debt amount in front of DRT

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In an instance where bank officials and their legal team are involved with filing false and defective affidavits before the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) to overcome their shortcomings in the way of portraying Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) to the tribunal, a Bengaluru-based lawyer Umapathi S has filed a criminal complaint of cheating and forgery against a nationalised bank employee, the bank's legal advisor and others.

Based on the complaint, the Ashok Nagar police have registered a case of cheating, criminal conspiracy and forgery against a branch manager of a nationalised bank, its legal team member and others for filing a false affidavit. The lawyer had dues of Rs 5 lakh to be paid to the bank, but the bank employee had allegedly inflated it to nearly Rs 30 lakh and allegedly submitted a false affidavit before the DRT.

“Though the governments have enacted stringent Acts

like SARFEASI Act and RDB Act for strengthening the economy and the state of financial institutions in the country, yet banks officials are misusing the provisions in these Acts. As a result speedy recovery of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and bad debts remain on paper only. Surprisingly when an audit team highlights such lapses, bank officials file

Lawyer claims he had dues of Rs 5 lakh to be paid to bank, but bank staffer inflated it to nearly Rs 30 lakh

false affidavit before the DRT by suppressing the facts before the DRT in an attempt to overcome the bank's accountability and to avoid disciplinary actions against the bank staff for delay in recoveries. Surprisingly, the DRT bench too entertain and accept these defective applications without scrutinising them as required under the law,” Umapathi said.

One of Umapathi's accounts had become a Non-Performing Asset in June 2006, and the bank had approached the DRT in June 2021 - after a gap of 15 years. “As per the law, bank should take action as soon as the account is declared as NPA and must approach DRT within a period of maximum three years from the date of NPA,” Umapathi added. According to Umapathi, the bank officials had filed false affidavit by stating that his account had become NPA in 2020 and filed a false application mentioning the outstanding amount as Rs 29 lakh though the document showed only Rs 5.3 lakhs as dues to be paid. The Ashok Nagar police scrutinised the application filed by bank's branch manager and legal officials and booked them for criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery among other sections under the IPC. Umapathi has also written a detailed petition about this incident to the presiding officer of the DRT and the registrar explaining about the foul plays by bank officials and their legal team members.

Ex-IAF man held after 11 yrs of killing first wife, kids

An Indian Air Force sergeant, who killed his wife and two daughters to get married to another woman, has been arrested after 11 years by the Karnataka Police from Assam, police said on Tuesday.

Dharam Singh Yadav (54) from Haryana was arrested at

Nellie, a town in Assam, where he lived with his second wife and two children. The police got a clue on him after they got to know that he was still receiving pension from the IAF. Yadav had joined the IAF in 1987 and retired in 1997. He was married to Anu Yadav

from New Delhi. He had two daughters aged 14 years and eight years. After retirement Yadav was living in Vidyaranya with his family. To marry another woman, Yadav hatched a plan to get rid of his wife and two daughters in 2008.

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Golf course goose blues

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vain. "They refused to admit Kosambari, we were told, and asked them to take her elsewhere for treatment," chief veterinarian at PFA colo-

nel Shariff told Bangalore Mirror.

It was then one of the founders of PFA received the news of the injured goose and requested Dr Shariff if he could try something to make the bird get back on her feet.

"The injured goose had come to us on November 6. Prior to that, she was taken to several clinics and veterinary hospitals where she was not admitted. The poor creature had remained with

the injury for more than a week at the time without receiving the required care and treatment. We took it up as a challenge and decided to treat the bird. We at PFA, usually, do not admit domestic animals, reptiles or birds at our hospital. Kosambari had a serious injury to her left leg and needed urgent medical attention. Due to the blunt injury, the bird had suffered severe neuromuscular atrophy to the leg which was rendering

the creature unable to walk or swim. We performed an X-ray to see if there were any fractures, but found there were none however," Shariff told Bangalore Mirror. The vets at PFA then began treating Kosambari using laser therapy. During the time the fowl was admitted, her leg had lost the characteristic yellow colour which indicated a lack of circulation, but soon after the treatment, which included swimming physiother-

apy sessions, Kosambari showed remarkable improvement.

"After a month-long treatment, she is now able to bear weight and is able to stand on her two legs - although she has slight a limp while walking," Shariff told Bangalore Mirror.

"In a little more than two weeks or so, Kosambari will be reunited with the gaggle of domestic geese at the Karnataka Golf Course," Shariff added.

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Exam fever in time of covid

Students protest outside the PU Board in Malleswaram, on Tuesday. Students are demanding that the PU Board withdraw its decision to conduct the Mid Term examination

DUPED IN THE TWILIGHT YEARS

Retd DRDO officer goes to cops against finance firm for not letting him withdraw life savings he had invested in it

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An 80-year-old retired deputy chief scientific officer from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has filed a complaint with the Hanumanthnagar police stating that he has been duped of Rs 25 lakh -- his life-long savings -- he had invested with the Nagarathna Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited, in Ashok Nagar. Based on a complaint from Krishnamurthy CM (80), the police have registered a case of cheating against one Parimala, president of Nagarathna Souharda Credit Cooperative Limited, along with Kanchana, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and the firm Nagarathna Souharda Cooperative Limited itself. In his complaint to the police, Krishnamurthy stated that he is a resident of an apartment in Tata Silk Farm in Hanumanth Nagar. He has two sons who



are settled with their families in the United States and he lives at a flat after he sold his individual house post his wife's demise.

According to the complainant Krishnamurthy, he made his first investment in March 2020 where he deposited Rs 15 lakh and subsequently, Rs 5 lakh in April 2020, and another Rs 5 lakh in September 2020 - all of them fixed deposit schemes for different years that would get matured as claimed by the co-operative society in a stipulated period of time, and that the matured amount could be withdrawn after the stipulated period. Krishnamurthy was impressed with the schemes offered by the Nagarathna Souharda Credit

Cooperative Limited and he invested heavily in different schemes for different years, but little did he know he would be taken for a ride.

When Krishnamurthy's first investment matured, he approached the finance firm's management situated at their Hanumanthnagar office office who said that he would not be able to withdraw his matured amount at this point. The management requested him to bear with them for a few months as the pandemic was underway and there was financial crunch everywhere.

Krishnamurthy waited for a couple of months so that they would get back to him and return his matured amount, but months

passed and there was no positive response. It was then that Krishnamurthy started interacting with other customers of the Nagarathna Souharda Credit Cooperative Society, and learnt that no customers had been able to withdraw their matured amounts.

He then approached the president of the society Parimala, and the CEO Kanchana, but they kept promising that he could withdraw their amount at a future date but were not committing on the date. "They blamed the pandemic whenever any customers raised their voice and concerns as they had invested the amount with the society for their needs like marriages, buying houses and house warming ceremonies," Krishnamurthy said.

According to the victims, there are around 120 investors and borrowers at the credit cooperative society, in which one woman had deposited around Rs 2 crore in 2015 and is still awaiting for her matured amount after the period of five years, Krishnamurthy said.

There have been many customers who have invested in this credit society and had gotten duped, he added. Krishnamurthy then approached the Hanumanth Nagar police and lodged a complaint based on which a cheating case has been registered against the president and the CEO of Nagarathna Souharda Credit Cooperative Limited firm. Bangalore Mirror tried to reach out to the firm, but there was no response.

Man bludgeons dog as residents of area egg him on

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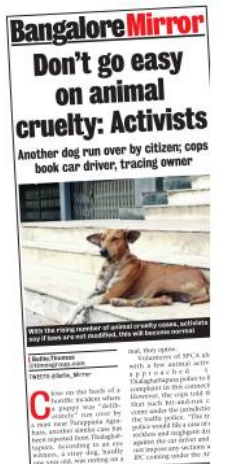
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A man is said to have bludgeoned a one-year-old dog to death by repeatedly hitting it with an iron rod and smashing its head against a boulder on Saturday in Chandra Layout.

The accused, Wahad, a welder at a construction site has been arrested. Raghvendra, 27, an animal lover, filed a complaint with the Chandra Layout police on Saturday evening after the dog's death. He said that he learnt about the incident through a resident in the area after which he rushed to the spot. "The dog was beaten up badly with an iron rod and its head was smashed on a boulder. We checked the CCTV footage and it seemed like the construction site owner and a few residents had provoked one of the workers to kill the dog," he said. According to him, the incident took place around 4 pm. He said the man had shown no remorse after killing the dog and even the residents of the area spoke as if nothing had happened. "The residents seemed to be relieved that they had got rid of the dog," he said.

He said that the dog seemed to have an infection and some volunteers had treated the dog. "Sudha Mahesh, an active volunteer and animal lover, and I approached the police to file a complaint and make sure the accused is punished. However, he was let off on a station bail. If we let them go easily, they will commit the crime again. We need to spread more awareness on the animal cruelty," he said.

Police said that the accused had confessed to killing the dog and stated that the dog ran towards him so he felt threatened and picked up the rod and attacked it to save himself from getting bitten. A case has been registered by the police and further investigation is under way.



BM had reported on Dec 7 about yet another incident of dog being run over with impunity

No truck with BJP?

Former Karnataka Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday stated that his Janata Dal-Secular would not forge any alliance with the ruling BJP in the state.

"We will maintain equal distance from both national parties (the BJP and the Congress)," he said.

He said that the party is preparing for 2023 Assembly elections. "We have asked the local leaders to take a call (for the Legislative Council polls) as it is convenient for the party in 19 constituencies where the JD-S is not contesting," he maintained.

Modi, Shah, Sonia among those tested, jabbed in Bihar

#Patna

Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Chopra and Akshay Kumar – these are the names of residents of a non-descript rural area of an impoverished south Bihar district.

If the state health department is to be believed, they are all villagers who have been "tested and vaccinated" for covid-19 in Karpi panchayat of Arwal district.

"This embarrassing matter came to our notice about 20 days ago when the civil surgeon was inspecting the records. The two data operators concerned have been sacked and FIRs lodged against them," said Arwal's District Magistrate J Priyadarshini.

"Instructions have been issued to closely examine records of other parts of the district. If more such anomalies come to the fore, more action shall follow since lapses of

this kind reduce the drive against the pandemic to a farce," she added.

Notorious for maintaining irreconcilable records, one of the most famous example of which was cattle having been shown transported on scooters during the fodder scam of the 1990s, Bihar has lately made news for having the names of actors Sunny Leone and Emraan Hashmi among job aspirants and college students. The latest incident has given

If the state health department is to be believed, they are all villagers who have been "tested and vaccinated" for covid-19 in Karpi panchayat

fresh ammunition to the opposition against the Nitish Kumar government in the state.

Leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav shared a screenshot, purportedly of the list wherein Modi, Shah, Gandhi and Chopra have been shown to be inoculated thrice.

"We can see why the health department in Bihar is perceived to be corrupt and incompetent," Yadav tweeted in an oblique reference to the NITI Aayog's recent report, which has put the state at the bottom in the country on various parameters. – PTI

Farmers may take a call on protests today

End of protests seems to be near after Centre gives written assurance; SKM will meet again after receiving clarifications

#NEW DELHI

Farmers' agitation on the borders of the national capital is likely to end soon as the Centre on Tuesday gave a written assurance on their demands. After a meeting in the evening, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is spear-heading the agitation, said that they will meet again on Wednesday as they have sought some clarifications from the government on its communication.

It is learnt that in the point-wise written assurance, the Centre has said that the Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister have already announced the formation of a committee consisting of representatives of the Centre, states, farmer organisations, and agriculture scientists on Minimum Support Price (MSP).

"The SKM members will be part of the farmer representatives in the committee," the government conveyed to the SKM.

It was also learnt that the government has also assured the SKM that police cases filed against the farmers will be withdrawn as soon as the protest ends. "The Uttar Pradesh and Haryana governments have agreed to withdraw cases with the end of the protest.

Departments related to the Government of India and the Union Territory have agreed to withdraw cases as farmers end their protest," the Centre assured the farmers.

On the question of compensation for farmers who died during the pro-



Farmers during their protest on GT Karnal road near the Singhu border, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

test, sources said: "The Centre mentioned that the Punjab government has already announced Rs 5 lakh, to which Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have in principle agreed."

About the demand for withdrawal of the draft electricity bill, the Centre said that the opinion of all the stakeholders will be taken into before tabling it in Parliament.

On the issue of penal action for burning stubble, the government assured the SKM that farmers will be freed from criminal liabilities on the

issue.

Farmers leader said that a proposal has been received on which a discussion was held on Tuesday.

"We discussed the proposal received from the Union government. Some farmers felt that some more clarification was needed on some issues. We hope that we will receive a reply from the Centre. Government has put some conditions and we want unconditional assurance," farmers leader Yudhvir Singh said. – IANS

India unseats Brazil to become the No.1 food supplier to Arab nations

#Sao Paulo

India surpassed Brazil in food exports to the League of Arab States for the first time in 15 years as the covid-19 pandemic disrupted trade flows in 2020, according to data provided by the Arab-Brazil Chamber of Commerce to Reuters on Tuesday. The Arab world is among Brazil's most important trade partners, but its distance from those markets took its toll as the pandemic rattled global logistics.

Brazil accounted for 8.15% of the total agribusiness products imported by the 22 League members last year, whereas India captured 8.25% of that trade, ending Brazil's 15-year advantage, the data showed. Despite remaining competitive "from the farm gate in," Brazil lost ground to India and other exporters such as Turkey, the United States, France and Argentina amid a disruption of traditional shipping routes.

Brazilian shipments to Saudi Arabia that once took 30 days could now take up to 60 days, according to the Chamber, whereas India's geographic advantages allow it to ship fruits, vegetables, sugar, grains and meat in as little



as week.

Brazil's agricultural exports to the Arab League rose just 1.4% by value to \$8.17 billion last year. Between January and October this year, sales totaled \$6.78 billion, up 5.5%, as logistics problems subsided, Chamber data showed.

China's push to boost its own food inventories during the pandemic also diverted some of Brazil's trade with the Arabs, leading countries such as Saudi Arabia to step up promotion of domestic food production, while seeking alternative suppliers.

"It's a turning point. The Saudis are still big buyers, but they are also net re-exporters of food," the Chamber said in a statement.

– Reuters

Sasikala calls on Rajini at his Poes Garden residence

#Chennai

Expelled AIADMK interim General Secretary V.K. Sasikala on Tuesday evening called on the South Indian superstar Rajinikanth at his Poes Garden residence here.

Rajinikanth's wife Latha was also present during the meeting. Sources in Sasikala's camp told IANS that she had met Rajinikanth to congratulate him on winning the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke award for lifetime contribution to Indian cinema. Rajinikanth had announced the launch of his political party on December 29, 2020, but later backtracked, citing poor health and the Covid-19 pandemic situation. He had later disbanded his political outfit, Rajini Makkal Mandram (RMM), and openly announced that he had no inten-



Expelled AIADMK leader VK Sasikala meets actor Rajinikanth at his residence

tions to enter politics even at a later stage. However, the meeting between Rajinikanth and Sasikala, a key aide of late Chief Minister and AIADMK supremo J Jayalalithaa had sparked discussions in political circles. – IANS

TRAI to telcos: Allow port out SMS facility to all

#New Delhi

Sector regulator TRAI on Tuesday directed telecom operators to "immediately" enable port out SMS facility for all mobile users requiring it, irrespective of value of their tariff offer, vouchers, or plans.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) took a strong note of telecom service companies not providing outgoing SMS facility in

certain prepaid vouchers.

TRAI said recently it has received complaints from subscribers over their inability to send SMS on short code 1900 specified for UPC (Unique Porting Code) generation, for availing mobile number portability facility despite having sufficient balance in their prepaid accounts. "Now therefore the authority...directs all access service providers to enable,

with immediate effect, for all mobile subscribers, both prepaid and post-paid, requesting for a unique porting code, the facility to send SMS on short code 1900, in order to exercise their right to avail porting facility in accordance with the Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability Regulations, 2009...irrespective of the value of the tariff offer/vouchers," TRAI said in its direction. – PTI



HEALTH TIP: Drinking green tea when it is super hot not only makes it tasteless but can end up hurting the stomach and throat



Bananas are rich in fibre and pectin, which reduce bloating as they allow a good build-up of healthy bacteria



BEST OF

DR MAHINDER WATSA

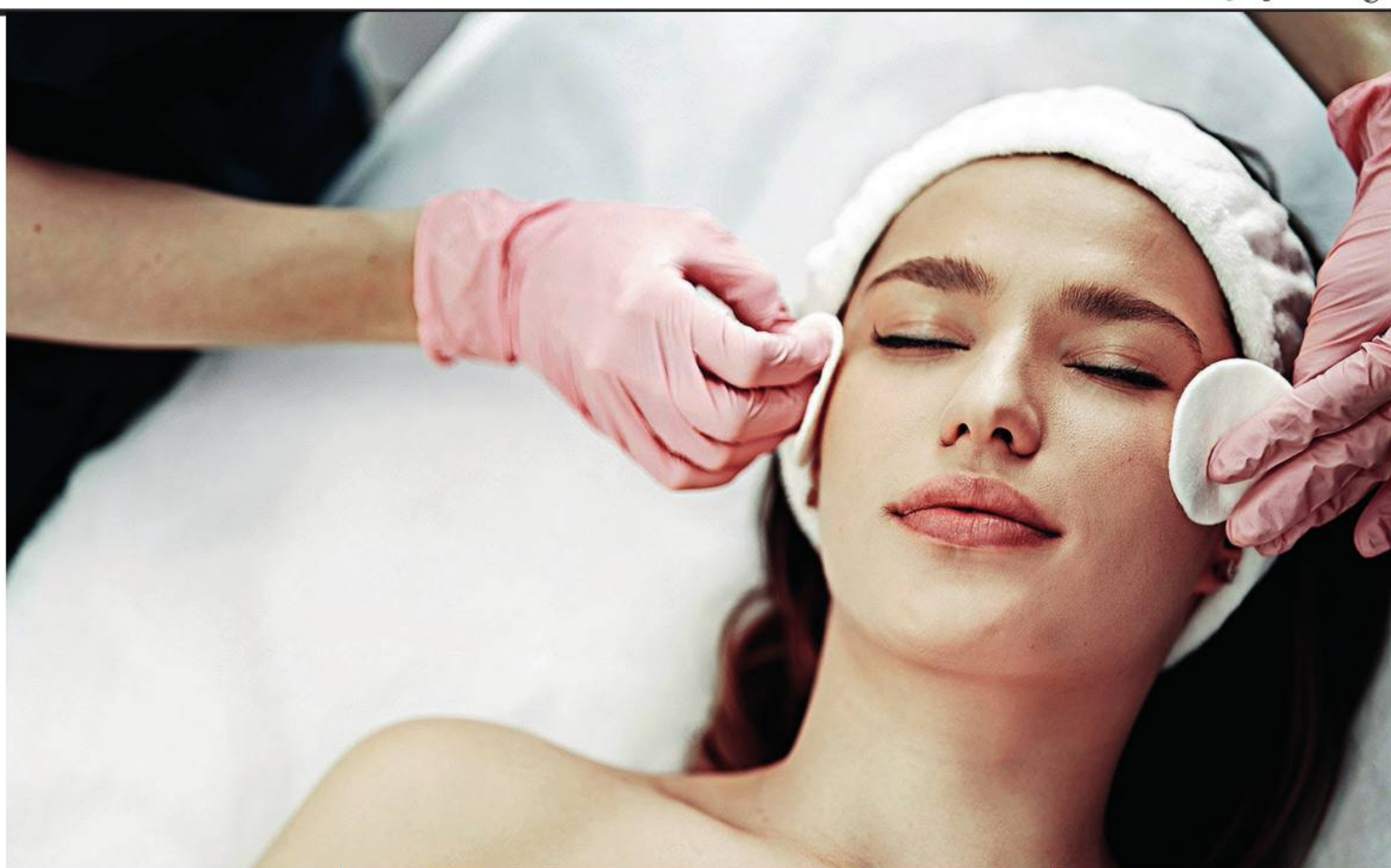
The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 51-year-old man, 5'11" in height and weight 105kg. I have been a sportsman – playing football, hockey and kabbadi. I do floor exercises for about five minutes every day and walk for 20 minutes. I used to drink 180ml of rum on a daily basis for three years and have been having sukha (tobacco and lime mixture) since 1997. Since I was diagnosed with kidney stones in May this year (size 3.5mm) and my liver has grown to 17.5 mm, I was advised to stop drinking, which I have done for the past four months. I am married and have three children, all of them are working and one is married. I also have three grandchildren. My wife does social service. Until May I had a healthy sex life – we made love three times a week at least and had no problems. But of late my erections have become flaccid. I am unable to satisfy my wife and am embarrassed. Is it because I gave up drinking or is it the effect of drinking so much for so long? Can you please help? We have been married for 26 years and have a wonderful family. It's good that you have stopped drinking. Now you must stop chewing tobacco too. That is the cause of your problem. Meet a sexpert who will advise medication.

2 I am a 28-year-old and a mother of a seven-year-old. I got divorced four years ago. Over the last few years, I've been experiencing white discharge from my vagina, which is accompanied by weakness. I plan to remarry and am worried that I won't be able to conceive. What should I do?
You will be able to conceive. But what you need first is an examination and treatment by a gynaecologist. But till you do, you may apply Candid V 6 in your vagina, for a week.

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THE GREEN BEAUTY SPOT

With awareness spreading over environmental damage, the beauty industry is turning to sustainable practices

The environmental damage that the beauty industry has been brushing under the carpet is now open for the world to see. The consumer who was lured by various marketing tactics earlier is now conscious about each ingredient. They do not want to be piggy-backed anymore by the beauty giants that caused this harm.

We are now aware that if we don't get our act together, our planet may not be worth inhabiting anymore. That awareness has today paved the way for the clean beauty movement. And one of the core principles of the clean beauty movement is sustainability.

According to Liza Merin Jacob, Director & Co-Founder of Green And Beige, sustainability is now slowly turning out to be a key factor in how discerning consumers choose brands they want to associate with. It is not about carelessly throwing words like compostable or recyclable into narratives, but about incorporating humane working conditions, equal pay, a transparent supply chain, and a closed-loop production system.

While glitzy marketing and sensorial had taken prime spot in the last few decades of personal care product popularity, today the clean beauty movement stands on the foundation of honesty and communication. While the word itself may be chosen as a form of greenwashing like its earlier counterpart "natural" from the previous era, sustainability means significantly more than that. It is a cultural shift that becomes a subliminal part of the company. It is a value that should be ingrained in the ethos of the brand and not superficially lace the covers.

While each brand has its measure of sustainability, it is good to see that the industry, on the

whole, has begun the journey and has started making changes in the last year or so.

This call to action has been made possible by smaller brands whose primary mission revolves around this core value. It is slowly gaining momentum as bigger brands have begun to acquire smaller clean brands have themselves included the concept as a mission.

While big brands work on being more water and energy-efficient, smaller ones focus on ingredients per se, adapting and changing the chemistry of their cosmetics and producing vegan and cruelty-free products without harmful ingredients. They also avoid animal testing, alcohols, chemical sunscreens, silicones, fragrance and dye, parabens, phthalates, formaldehyde, SLS, and any

other suspicious ingredients. They stick to ethically sourced, non-GMO, fair trade, aquatic friendly, and biodegradable ingredients.

Using renewable raw material has seen a popular rise, with bio-based oleo chemicals from plant and bacteria sources becoming an integral part of their formulations. Petrochemical ingredients derived from petrol, are a non-renewable and economically volatile resource. Many petrochemicals in conventional cosmetics are toxic pollutants that degrade the environment as well as our bodies.

Sustainable brands look to low polluting ingredients. Today manufacturers know that consumers are not interested in the product but in the process, which has made them change to re natural and environmentally friendly emulsifiers, colorants,

thickeners, and preservatives for their products. Another dreadful ingredient presents in most commercial products, microbeads, (tiny pieces of plastic found in many shower scrubs and exfoliating products which end up polluting the waters) is avoided like the plague by sustainable brands. Their packaging usually entails recyclables, reusable and vegetable dyes.

While recycling sounds good on paper, reducing waste generation is what some brands in India prefer, while their counterparts across the globe have gone one step ahead and are looking at biodegradable containers.

Manufacturing in small quantities and fresh batches to avoid wastage due to products reaching expiry in an event of nonselling is another huge risk that they take because their manufacturing costs are more than doubled. Yet they take on this burden just so they do not end up wasting rawer material than required. Some brands like Green And Beige have taken it one notch higher and insist that they will not make watered-down products.

Some brands look at sustainability as a way of giving back to society, while some take to adapting the process within their business and office environment.

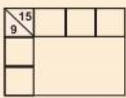
While Indie brands have been pioneers in rewriting the rules of traditional ways of conducting business and manufacturing, it is good to see the trend hitting the doorsteps of the biggies as well. When the consumer puts his foot down, businesses are forced to mend their ways, and that puts immense pressure on governments to amend their archaic laws. With the environment in tatters, it's difficult to change equations overnight, but one has to start somewhere.

—IANS

Find 6 different positive integers that have a sum of 124 and a product of 24666235

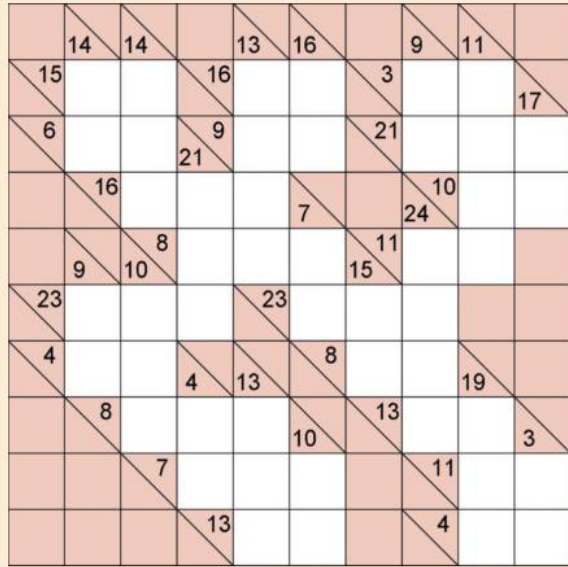
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

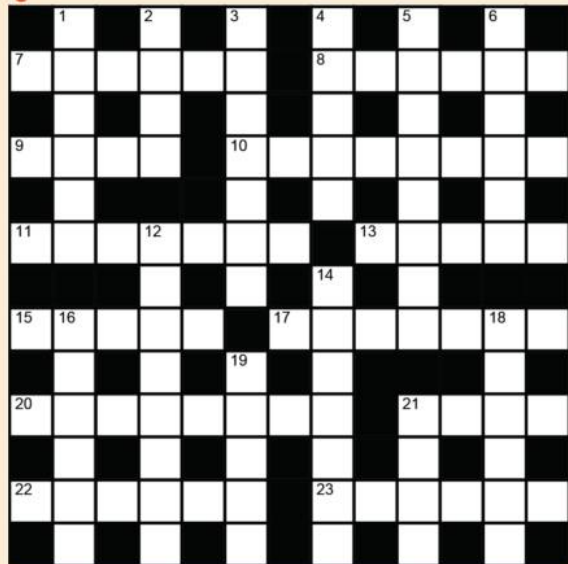


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Incendiary liquid (6)
- 8 A mass departure (6)
- 9 Liquid measure (4)
- 10 Not correct (8)
- 11 Becoming high stung or taut? (7)
- 13 Small drops or spots (5)
- 15 Royal house (5)
- 17 He said Open sesame (3,4)
- 20 Delicately fashioned (4-4)
- 21 Type of music? (4)
- 22 Martial art (4,2)
- 23 Develop, unseal (4,2)

DOWN

- 1 Of or containing salt or salts (6)
- 2 A prison (4)
- 3 Surrounding (7)
- 4 Percolates (5)
- 5 Al fresco bar at the Oberoi (4,4)
- 6 Magnificent (6)
- 12 Ancient period of human culture (5,3)
- 14 Hold tight! (5,2)
- 16 Unparalleled (6)
- 18 Caesar's murderer (6)
- 19 Jet of water (5)
- 21 Observed (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS S
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 I UPTTMU DJ VGFKE GU
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 PKURMXFGKEVN. AYIA GU
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Can I introduce you to my friends? They want to see an angel



Mindchow

Terminal illness: Getting sick at the airport



Joke of the day

Teacher: We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in ancient times. But there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is? Student: Aces!

Loop

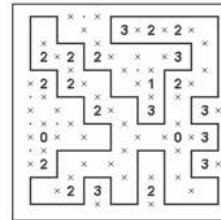
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

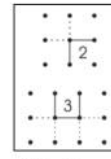
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

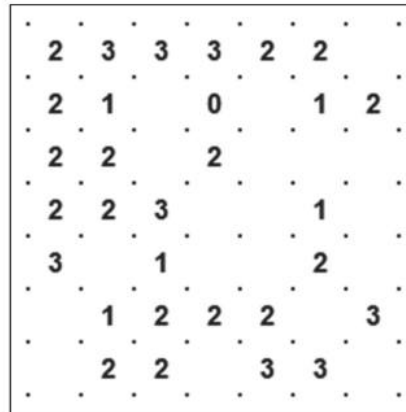
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



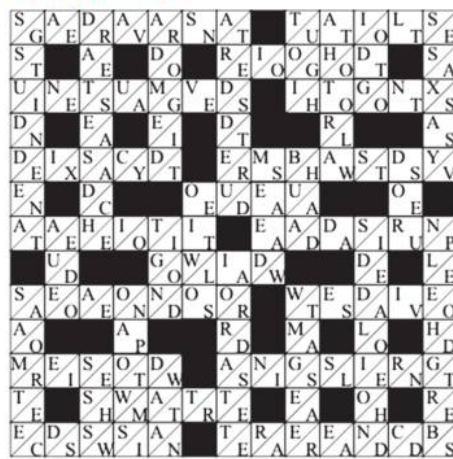
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



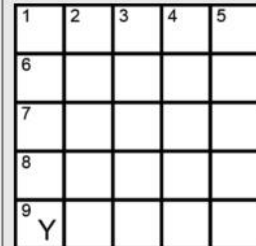
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

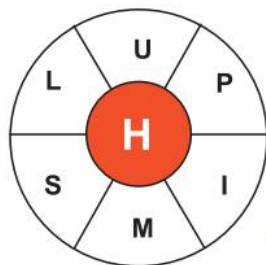
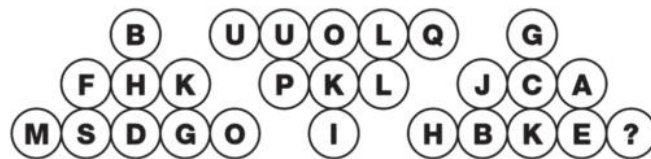
- 1 Bag ma; 6 Ragas;
- 7 So gas; 8 Emits;
- 9 Cathy

DOWN

- 1 Say GS; 2 Am Aga;
- 3 Gamic; 4 Throb;
- 5 Tessa

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

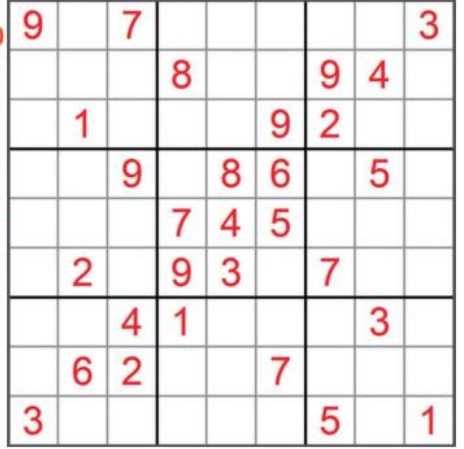


Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 14

2 4 7 9

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 11

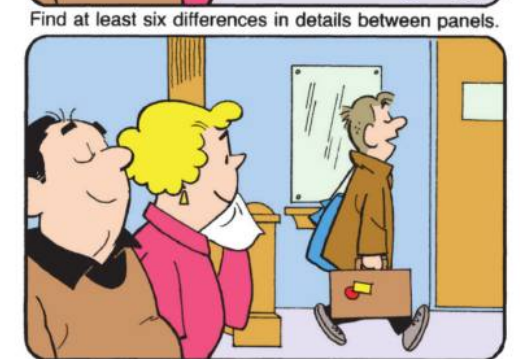
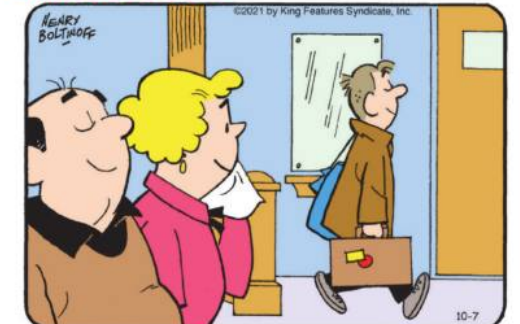
4 7 8 8

Hard

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2 3 6 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Decals on suitcase are reversed. 2. Mouth is open. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Man has more hair. 5. Earring is different. 6. Window in door is lower.

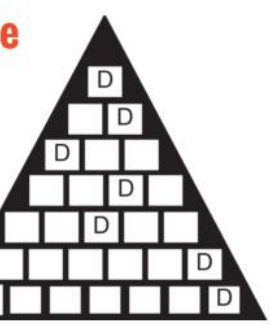
Riddler

Born in the flame, conceived in the earth Some use me with shame and others with mirth. Once I've been tamed I hardly miss and all men fear my deadly cold kiss. They cloak themselves in shells and chains, they try to fend off the inevitable pain. I am gifted to both soldiers and kings, my beauty can rival an angel's wings. But do not forget the homely hearth for it was probably my first place of birth. Question: What am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Vitamin type
- 2 Ego's partner?
- 3 Cease to live
- 4 Flank
- 5 Pelts
- 6 Desired or wanted
- 7 Moved quickly

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made



at each step answering to the clue given.

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Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you are blessed by moon; your small effort may give you success. You are likely to have good profits from your past investments. You will get rewards from your hard work in professional and domestic life. Your prestige may be increased now. You may start new innovation in the business. disputes with the spouse may be resolved now.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today your creativity may be high, you may attend some creative event. Your money which was stuck, may be recovered now. Jobseekers are advised to update their knowledge with latest one. Students are advised to input some more effort in their academics.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today try to avoid spending your hard-earned money on worthless things, it may affect your savings. You also avoid to expect more with the people around you, your expectation may convert into depression. It may affect your warmth with the people around you. you are advised to control your way of speaking while discussing in the domestic issues.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may feel better, situations may be under control. Your network may help you in the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase in the domestic harmony and love life. with the help of creativity; you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for the family. You may also plan to watch movies or go on outings with friends or family.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may feel dull due to sleeplessness, you may be scattered towards your goals. Which may affect your working efficiency, you may plan to visit some religious place. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and may make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may be feeling energy and inner strength, your performance may be good, you may complete your work within a time frame, it makes you happy, you may also help someone who is needy by giving your advice. Your prestige may grow now. You are likely to have a balance between domestic and professional life. natives related to import and export, trading, strategy analyst may do better now.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may get tired due to overworking. It may make you lazy and careless, you are advised to keep patience. If you are planning for adventure tour, you are advised to postpone it for a while. Your past investments may convert into dead stock. Students advised to work hard. You may have back ache, nervous system, lever related issues and skin issues.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may be in a hurry, you are advised to drive safe. But with the blessing of the elders, you may come out from the messy situation. you are likely to be more romantic in your love life, harmony in domestic life may come. you may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may be a victim of fantasy which may drive you towards hypothetical aspects, which will make indecisiveness be disturbed. Which can affect your ongoing projects or works. Finance issues may affect ongoing projects. you are advised to be practical and avoid daydreaming.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, your creativity may be on high, you may plan to renovate the house. You may buy some stuff to renovate your house or office which may increase social status. there is likely to be some harmony with the spouse. It creates harmony in domestic life. disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may settle down. You may get good news in terms of litigation.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, your subordinate staff may be cooperative, it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social event, which may boost your network, it may help you in your work or social life. you may plan to go for outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

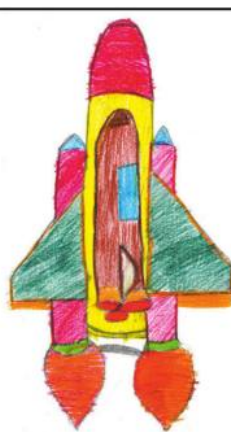


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you are blessed by the moon, your small investments may convert into big profits. your working efficiency may be increased now. You are likely to get success with less effort. you may hear good news in legal matters also. you may have full control over your opponents and rivals.



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The
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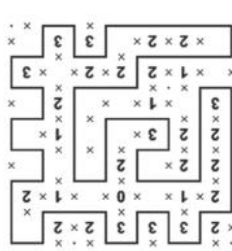
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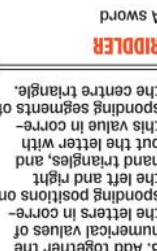
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ALPHA TRIANGLE



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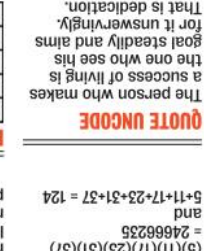
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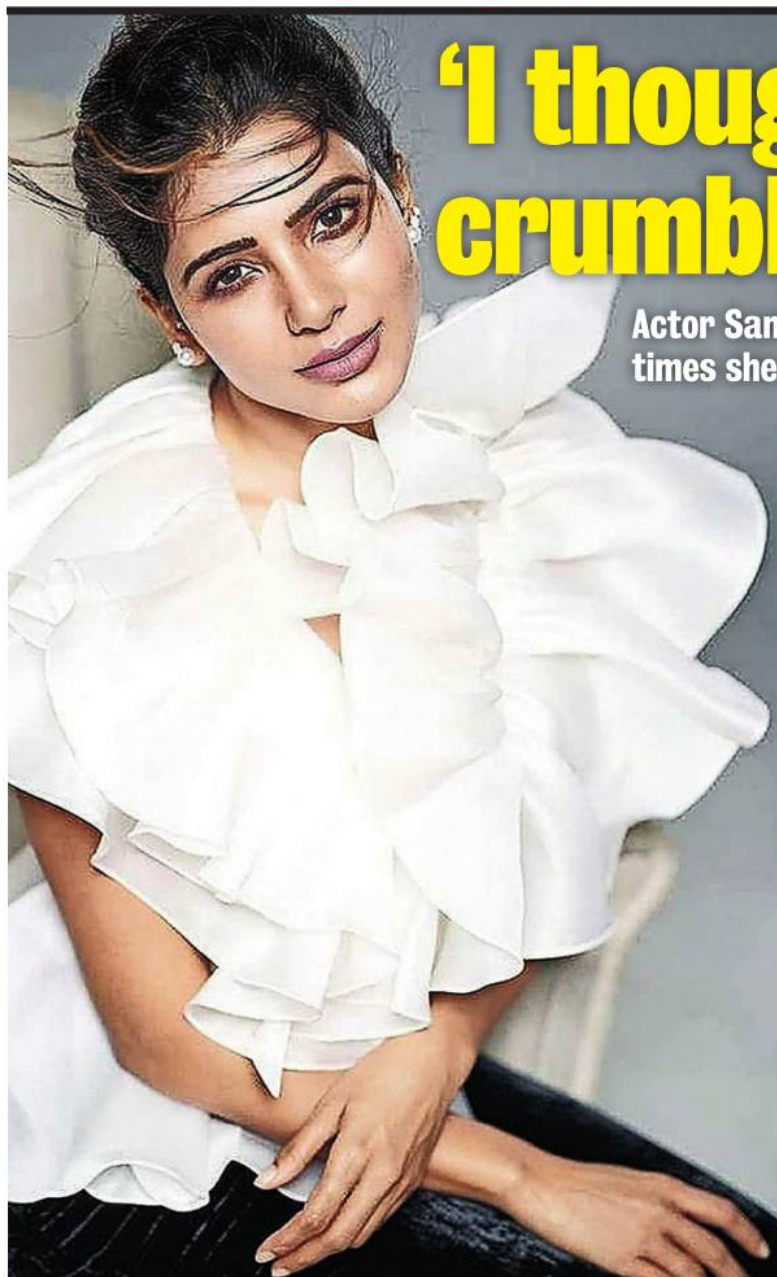
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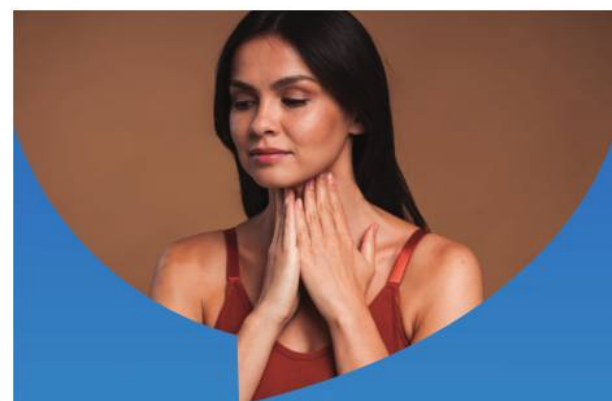
'I thought I'd crumble and die'

Actor Samantha opens up about the dark times she went through after her divorce

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has at last opened up on her divorce from Akkineni Naga Chaitanya and the impact it had on her mental health. Not long ago, Tollywood's celebrated pair Naga Chaitanya and Samantha announced their divorce, sending shockwaves among their fans. Ever since the 'Majili' actress announced her separation from Naga Chaitanya, she has been mum on the issue. Samantha said, "As soon as you accept the fact that you are going through, something, half of the healing is done. Accepting, vocalising, and fighting back is what I did."

Samantha said she felt like she would "crumble and die". But, as she realised that she is going to live her life, with all the issues, she appreciates herself for being such a strong woman. "I never knew I could pass this. I am proud of myself because I never knew I was this strong", the 'Shakunthalam' actress said. Samantha also mentioned that her divorce from Chaitanya took a toll on her mental health. But she tried her ways to get better. Samantha, on the work front, has been busy signing new ventures, and will soon be working on two multilingual projects, of which one is titled 'Yashodha'. Samantha promises that she will shut up her critics only with her hard work, nothing else.

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Sara shares special post for SSR

Sushant Singh Rajput and Sara Ali Khan's 'Kedarnath' clocked three years today. On the film's anniversary, Sara, who made her big Bollywood debut with this film, penned a heartfelt note for her co-star.

Sara wrote, "3 years ago my biggest dream came true. I became an actor, and my first, and most special film released. I don't know



if I'll ever be able to explain how much Kedarnath means to me—the place, the film, the memories, all of it. But today I'm really missing my Mansoor. It's only because of Sushant's unwavering support, selfless help, constant guidance and compassionate advice that Mukku was able to reach your hearts. From Kedarnath to Andromeda. Miss you forever Sushant..."



Look who is 'back in action'



Sanjay Dutt is all set to treat his audience with a power-packed performance in his upcoming film, 'KGF: Chapter 2'. The actor recently completed his dubbing for the same.

Taking to his Instagram handle, the actor shared a few pictures of himself from inside the dubbing studio. Along with the photos, he also penned a sweet note. He wrote, 'Adheera is back in action! The dubbing sessions are done for #KGFChapter2 and is on its way to theaters near you on 14th April 2022!'

After the success of the

first instalment of the film, the demand for the second instalment has been all-time high. The makers have also roped in Bollywood actors like Sanjay Dutt and Raveena Tandon for the Yash starrer. While Dutt will be seen essaying the role of Adheera in the film, Raveena will play the role of Ramika Sen.

In one of Yash's earlier interviews, he said that when director Prashanth Neel narrated the character of Adheera, he had himself mentioned that this role needs somebody like Sanjay Dutt.

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After tying the knot, a film together?

Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal will be kick-starting their pre-wedding festivities today with a sangeet ceremony. ETimes was the first to inform you about their plans of having a royal December wedding in Rajasthan.

According to a latest report in a news portal, the couple is seriously contemplating signing a film together post marriage. The actors are likely to take it up after completing work on their other

projects post their honeymoon. Katrina and Vicky have apparently been flooded with offers of films to play the lead pair ever since their relationship became official, and they feel that now the time is just right to cash in. The said film is reportedly going to be with a big production house, headed by a close friend where



both play the lead, the source further told BollywoodLife.

The couple will be tying the knot on December 9 in presence of their friends and family. They reportedly opted out of an international destination wedding owing to the pandemic and their busy work schedule. They will also not be taking a long vacation after their wedding due to their work com-

mitments.

On the work front, Katrina will next be seen in Maneesh Sharma's 'Tiger 3' with Salman Khan and Emraan Hashmi in lead roles. The actress also has 'Phone Bhoot' with Ishaan Khatter and Siddhant Chaturvedi. Vicky, on the other hand, has Meghna Gulzar's Sam Manekshaw's biopic, 'The Immortal Ashwatthama', 'Govinda Mera Naam' and 'Takht'.

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